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SUBJECT: BALUCHISTAN: PA SESSION REQUISITIONED;

GOVERNOR DISOWNS RESTRICTIVE ACTION AGAINST

GHAFFAR KHAN

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1. BALUCHISTAN P.A. SPEAKER BAROZAI ON OCTOBER 2
SUMMONED PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET OCTOBER 6 IN
RESPONSE TO A REQUISITION MOVE BY SIX MPA'S. REQUISITIONERS
WERE NOT IDENTIFIED BUT PRESS SPECULATES -- AND IT IS
PROBABLE -- THAT FIVE OF THEM WERE AMONG SIX WHO TOOK
THEIR OATH UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION ON 28 AND 29 SEPTEMBER,
BUT BOYCOTTED THE REST OF THAT SESSION, WHICH ADJOURNED
1 OCTOBER. THE FIVE ARE JUI MEMBER MAULVI SHAMSUDDIN AND
NAP MEMBERS FAZIL ALIANI, AHMAD NAWAZ BUGTI, DOST
MOHAMMAD KHAN, AND PRINCE KARIM. SIXTH REQUISITIONER
HARDER TO IDENTIFY BUT PRESS SPECULATING IT EITHER REINSTATED
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NAP MEMBER SHER ALI KHAN (REFTEL C) OR PAKHTUNKHAWA NAP
MEMBER ACHAKZAI WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT.

2. GOVERNOR BUGTI IN QUETTA AIRPORT STATEMENT OCTOBER 2 BEFORE TAKING OFF FOR KARACHI TO MEET PRIME MINISTER, SAID BALUCHISTAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH INTERCEPTION OF KHAN ABDUL GHAFAR KHAN AT MULTAN EN ROUTE TO QUETTA AND HIS RESTRICTION TO FRONTIER PROVINCE (REF B). BUGTI ADDED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM ABOUT GHAFAR KHAN VISITING BALUCHISTAN JUST AS OTHER OPPOSITION LEADERS HAD RECENTLY TOURED BALUCHISTAN E.G. WALI KHAN, ASGHAR KHAN, AND MUFTI MAHMOOD.

3. ON ARRIVAL AT KARACHI, GOVERNOR BUGTI TOLD PRESS: ALL FOREIGNERS ENTERING BALUCHISTAN WOULD HENCEFORTH REQUIRE VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING AFGHAN POWINDARS (NOMADS) WHO HAVE BEEN CROSSING BORDER FREELY; OVERALL SITUATION MENGAL AND MARRI TRIBAL AREA "SLIGHTLY BETTER" ALTHOUGH TERRORIST INCIDENTS STILL GOING ON; OPPOSITION CHARGE THAT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CROSSING OVER FROM BALUCHISTAN TO AFGHANISTAN UNTRUE.
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